

PATENT
Docket No.: 16869N-105200US
Client Ref. No.: NT1444US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Masanori ISHIKAWA et al.

Application No.: 10/773,743

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For: ANALYZING APPARATUS AND
FINE PARTICLE COLLECTING
APPARATUS

Confirmation No.: 8617

Examiner: Rodney T. Frank

Art Unit: 2856

Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 9, 2007, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 2-5, 7, 9, and 11, drawn to an analysis apparatus with a specific collection unit, classified in class 73, subclass 863, without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303.

Respectfully submitted,



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